

Taking over of Air Cargo Complex from SKIE

692. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering the request of Government of Kerala for not to take steps to take over the Air Cargo Complex from Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Ltd. (KSIE) and also to hand over 2000 sq. ft. area proposed to be renovated for the purpose of cargo handling at Calicut by AAI; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India has no intention of taking over the cargo handling facilities of KSIE located 30 Kms. from the Calicut airport. AAI will manage the cargo complex which is being developed at Calicut airport.

LPG Connections

693. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages in Tamil Nadu are provided with L.P.G. connections;

(b) if so, the number of villages covered so far;

(c) if not, the number of villages not covered by L.P.G. connections in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the reasons therefor and the time by which those villages are likely to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Presently, LPG distributors are catering to the requirement of customers in 91 markets in Tamil Nadu. These markets include towns/cities or urban agglomerations which may comprise small villages also forming part of the urban agglomerations and/or the outskirts thereof.

Indian Oil Corporation has launched a Rural LPG Marketing vehicle on 18.5.97 in Tamil Nadu. This vehicle fills LPG cylinders on the spot and delivers to the customers. This vehicle has been designed for LPG marketing in rural areas only. Presently the requirement of following two villages in Tamil Nadu is being met by

this vehicle:

Village	District
1. Thirukuvalai	Nagapattinam
2. Mapillainaickenpatti	Tanjvur

The rural mobile vehicle is also expected to cover the following additional five villages in Tamil Nadu:

Village	District
1. Mariamman Koil	Tanjvur
2. Nadu Kaveri	Tanjvur
3. Melattur	Tanjvur
4. Agrakadambanoor	Nagapattinam
5. Prathamarampuram	Nagapattinam

(c) and (d) LPG distributorships are opened only in those markets which provide potential for an economically viable distributorship. Presently towns/markets having population of more than 20,000 as per 1991 census have been covered for LPG distributorship in the country. However, under the new Marketing Plan, 1996-98 under preparation, all towns with population of 10,000 and above including the villages within 15 Kms. radius and certain rural areas adjoining big towns are being covered for opening of LPG distributorships.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations

694. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "UK outshines India in Golden Jubilee Celebrations on Independence" appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated January 27, 1997.

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Unlike a few other countries in the world where commemorative programmes have been organised during the 50th Anniversary of independence, in India the commemoration of 50th Anniversary will commence after the completion of 50 years of Independence, i.e. from 15th August, 1997 to 15th August, 1998.

(c) A National Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister to guide, steer and direct the programmes. For facilitating expeditious approvals and clearances and ensuring timely implementation of commemorative programmes, etc. a Cabinet Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Home Minister. An Implementation Committee, headed by the Minister for Human Resource Development has also been constituted to envision and evolve programmes for commemoration and to over-see implementation. A Secretariat headed by an Additional Secretary, with a total strength of 88 posts, has been created to service the three Committees and for organising and co-ordinating the various programmes and activities of the 50th Anniversary.

The programmes for celebration have been broadly classified into the following three categories:—

- (i) Ceremonial programmes;
- (ii) Core Programmes;
- (iii) Cultural & Intellectual interactions/projections.

The focus of the year-long celebrations would be on rekindling the spirit and values of the freedom struggle. Efforts are being made to ensure participation of the masses in these programmes in a meaningful manner. Programmes and events are being visualised keeping all sections of society in mind and with the awareness that the cultural diversity, and holistic continuity of India is one of its major strengths.

The programmes being organised in August '97 are as follows:—

1. Curtain raiser event on 9th August, 1997 at "August Kranti Maidan" in Mumbai.
2. March of the Nation on 14th Aug '97 at Rajpath, New Delhi.
3. The commemorative function of the golden jubilee of India's independence in the Central Hall of Parliament at midnight on 14 August, 1997.
4. Independence day events: 15th of August, 1997 will be organised throughout the country in a befitting manner.

Ministries/Depts. under the Govt. of India, State Governments and Union Territories, as well as Indian Missions abroad, will organise their own programmes during the year.

A National Calendar of events incorporating the activities and programmes for the year-long celebrations is under preparations.

Projects for Clearance

695. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government gave a detailed report to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh about the number of major projects cleared, returned to the State Government and kept pending for clearance;

(b) if so, the number of projects cleared, returned to the State Government and kept pending for clearance;

(c) whether the projects returned to the State Government for modification etc. have been received back by the Union Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) if so, whether the Vamsadhara Stage-II Project could not be approved as Government of Andhra Pradesh has not been able to sort out inter-state issues with the Government of Orissa;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the State Government to return all the pending projects referred to them by the Union Government for modification etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Out of the 19 Major Projects, 6 projects have already been found acceptable by the Technical Advisory Committee subject to certain observations. 11 projects have been returned to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for submitting modified project reports and 2 projects are under correspondence with the State Government.

(c) and (d) Modified report in respect of one project has been received. It is upon the State Government to submit modified reports on the basis of the comments of the Central Water Commission.

(e) and (f) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has not been able to sort out Inter-State issues with the Government of Orissa in respect of Vamsadhara Stage-II project.

(g) It is for the State Government to submit modified report after complying with the observations of the Central